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Coffee County BOE members approve several personnel matters during called meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday, March 25, for a called meeting of the board, during which, several personnel matters were recommended by the superintendent and approved by board members.

The board accepted the resignations of teacher Matthew Sanders, New Brockton High School, and Jeremy Tice, Zion Chapel High School. Sanders' resignation is effective on June 30th while Tice's resignation is effective at the end of the current school year.

Three teacher hires were approved, including Beverly Simms as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, beginning April 5th.

Two additional hires were for the 2021-2022 school year. These were Jennifer Koehler and Callie Melton, both to be teachers at New Brockton Elementary.

Another certificated personnel matter approved was a leave request for Scott Crosby, teacher at Kinston, for March 22 through June 5 [or until cleared to return by his doctor].

One classified personnel matter was approved by the board in accepting the resignation of Lindsey Stinson as a Pre-K aide at Zion Chapel Elementary, effective the end of the current school year.

The board entered into an executive session during this called meeting. The board attorney James Tarbox certified it as a valid need to "discuss threatening, proposed and/or pending litigation affecting the Coffee County School System. After returning to the open meeting, the board approved a motion, as recommended by the attorney, to enter into a legal services agreement as presented in the executive session.

Also during the noon hour meeting last Thursday, the board approved a request from Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth to use fleet renewal monies [a little of \$91,000] to purchase a new bus for the school system.

In two separate motions, the board gave permission to two bid a couple of projects. The first was for site improvements at Zion Chapel School. The

second motion was to bid roof replacements at the central office and the New Brockton High auditorium and office. Killingsworth said there would be an alternate to the roof bid for the Zion Chapel science building and the grades 3-6 building.

The superintendent did note during the meeting that the county schools had zero active cases of COVID-19 last week in the schools, and he said students quarantined for possible exposure was less than 10. He said now the wait would be to see what and if anything happens with COVID numbers following this week's Spring Break holiday. He said only time would tell on that.

The next Coffee County Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Elba man carves cross from tree trunk symbolizing his family's love for Christ

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Driving along Simmons Street in downtown Elba, one will notice a cross carved from the trunk of a tree. For some it may just be viewed as an artistic creation, but for Dennis James, it is a symbol of his love for Jesus Christ.

The tree was going to be cut down, according to James, by the city. It was getting too high to power lines and cutting it down would be preventative measure for electrical issues.

Despite being on the 'right-of-way' portion, the tree was a part of the James' household yard. James had another idea for saving a portion of the tree.

"I hated for them to cut the whole tree down and it be gone when I could do something with it," James said. "I convinced them to leave enough of it that I could carve the cross."

Turns out, this would be James' first carving project. He now jokes that it might also be his last.

"I'm not really the artistic kind, and it turned out to be a bit harder than I envisioned," he said. "Took two or three days to complete."

James said he had seen carvings before, and he felt like this would be something he could do with the tree. He said he thought the cross project would be the best one for him.

"I wanted to show what my family and I stand for - our love for Jesus Christ," James said.

He said he hopes the Elba community will enjoy the cross as much as he and his family. He said it would continue to be a symbol of his family's love for Christ, and he hopes it will help spread a love for Jesus across the community as it stands



Elizabeth and Christopher James stand with the cross their dad, Dennis, carved recently from a tree trunk. The two youngsters are quick to proudly say, "That's our cross!" James said he wanted the cross to be a symbol of his family's love for Christ.

tall on Simmons Street.

With Easter coming up on Sunday, James said he plans to add a bit more décor to the cross further symbolizing the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Christ.

"I'm very proud of how well the cross turned out," James said.

He said he hopes all of Elba will enjoy it too and have no doubt that the James household is a home of believers filled with love for Jesus.



Small SUV strikes motorcycle One person seriously injured

Local emergency personnel responded last Wednesday afternoon, March 24, to the scene of the two-vehicle wreck on U.S. Highway 84 at the intersection of County Road 514, where the operator of a 2016 Harley Davidson motorcycle traveling east on Hwy. 84 was seriously injured.

According to Troopers, a 2020 Kia Sportage was traveling west on County Road 514 when the driver of the vehicle failed to yield right of way for oncoming traffic at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84. The Sportage struck the motorcycle causing serious injury to the operator of the motorcycle.

The accident remains under investigation by Alabama State Troopers, and due to the continuing investigation Troopers have not officially released the names of those involved. However, it has been con-

firmed through other sources on the scene and family posts on Facebook that the injured person was Chad Trott of Enterprise, Ala. He was airlifted from the accident scene to a Montgomery hospital before later be transferred on to a Birmingham hospital where he continues to undergo treatment for multiple injuries.

Trott, a local career firefighter and paramedic, is said to have a long road to recovery. A GoFundMe account has been established to assist Trott and his family during this time of need. Anyone wishing to donate can do so at www.gofundme.com - search for Help Chad in his time of need [created by Joshua Nolze].

No further details have been made available from Alabama State Troopers at this time regarding the accident investigation.

During CCC meeting held March 22nd

County administrator clarifies farm center rental fee pertaining to upcoming free speech rally

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, March 22, county administrator Rod Morgan clarified an issue regarding the waiver of rental fees for the county's farm center building.

After granting a rental fee waiver for the South Alabama Liberty organization to hold a free speech rally at the farm center Saturday, April 10, Morgan said further review of that revealed it had been the past policy of the commission to not provide rental fee waivers for political events. He said commissioners and South Alabama Liberty had been made aware of this revelation.

He said he wanted to clarify for the minutes of the meeting that South Alabama Liberty would be paying a rental fee for the building to host the free speech rally planned.

Upon the recommendation of the county administrator, commissioner voted to move forward with a

CDBG COVID-19 grant application. Morgan said this grant application would be to try and secure funding to construct a facility for county-wide dispatching services. He said there is still work to be done on the proposed project, but the grant application needed to be completed in order to meet the CDBG deadline.

Also during the meeting, by request of the county engineer's office, commissioner's approved a motion to concur with a bid award made in February by the Alabama Department of Transportation. This was for an ATRIP II project awarded to Coffee County on Alabama Highway 167 at the County Road 239 and County Road 114 intersection to make intersection modifications for safety purposes. The bid was awarded to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$1.13 million.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, April 12, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Area Happenings

THE LBW COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENSEMBLE WILL BE IN CONCERT in Elba on Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m. This outdoor concert will be held on the square in downtown Elba on the Court Street side of the Coffee County Courthouse. All are invited to attend.

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host the annual April Walking Tours of Downtown Elba on two Saturdays, April 3rd and 10th, beginning at 10 a.m. The tours will begin from the Elba Chamber office, located at 329 Putnam Street in downtown Elba.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY BAND WILL BE IN CONCERT in Elba on Sunday, April 18, at 3 p.m. This outdoor concert will be held on the square in downtown Elba on the Court Street side of the Coffee County Courthouse. All are invited to attend.

Kinston man killed in motorcycle accident

A single-vehicle crash Friday, March 26, at approximately 12:55 a.m. claimed the life of a Coffee County man.

Mickey Lee Moody, age 69, of Kinston, Ala., was traveling south on a 2008 Harley-Davidson, failed to stop at the posted stop sign, continued traveling down an embankment and struck a tree. The crash occurred on Covington County 81, approximately 10 miles west of Opp city limits.

Alabama State Troopers investigated the accident.



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN ELBA responded just after 7 a.m. Thursday morning, March 25, to the scene of this two-vehicle accident at the U.S. Hwy. 84 and Alabama Hwy. 87 intersection in Elba. This was the second recent accident at this all-way stop intersection, and failure to yield right-of-way again seemed to be the cause of the collision. No injuries were reported from this early morning accident, according to officials on scene that morning assisting those involved in the accident.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"There is some good in this world, and it's worth fighting for." — J.R.R. Tolkien, The Two Towers

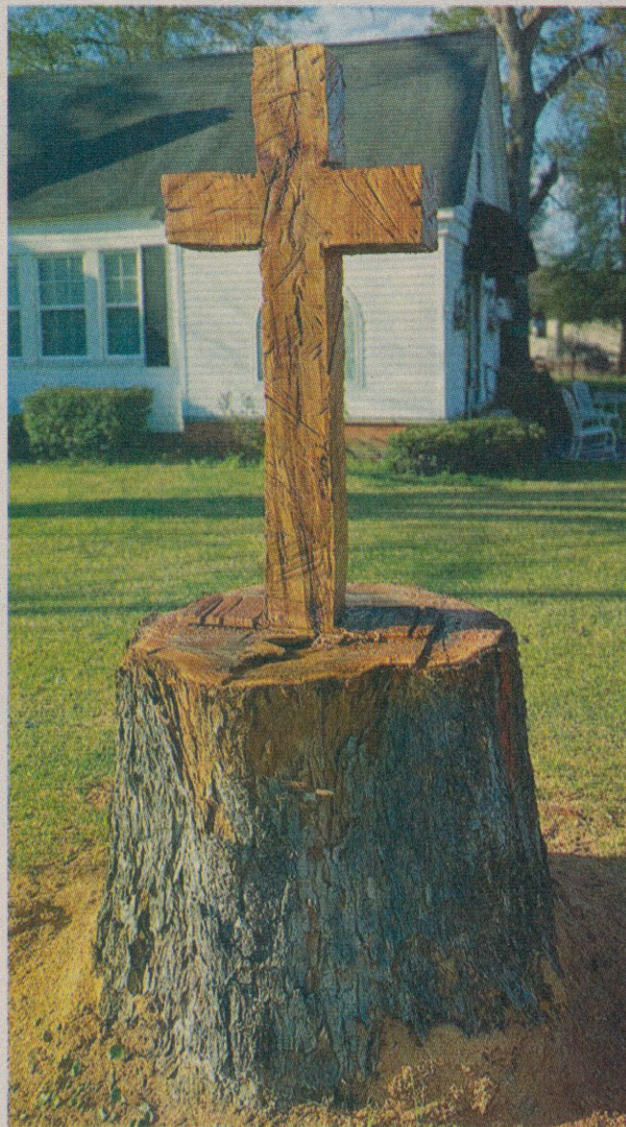
Several weeks ago The Elba Clipper featured a story of upgrades in the flood gauges throughout SE Alabama. Maybe that report was a bit early. Workers have been back to the river gauge at Pea River (84) bridge several times lately. Last Friday afternoon they were removing some of the electronics from that gauge and sending it back to the seller because it was not working. In other words, it was not sending the collected information back to the central computer system. Hopefully they will get it fixed before any heavy, heavy rains come tumbling down and the equipment designed to monitor and report status just is not reporting.

The rush to make voting harder in a number of states is embarrassing and contrary to the American way of encouraging ALL qualified citizens to vote. The ado over the most recent national election has got lawmakers in many states changing the voting laws and apparently doing it without a moment of embarrassment or remorse. The reasoning behind this is puzzling at best. Opponents of the changes claim the new laws are being signed into law to change the outcome of future elections. We will see which theory ultimately wins this debate. The American voters will make that decision.

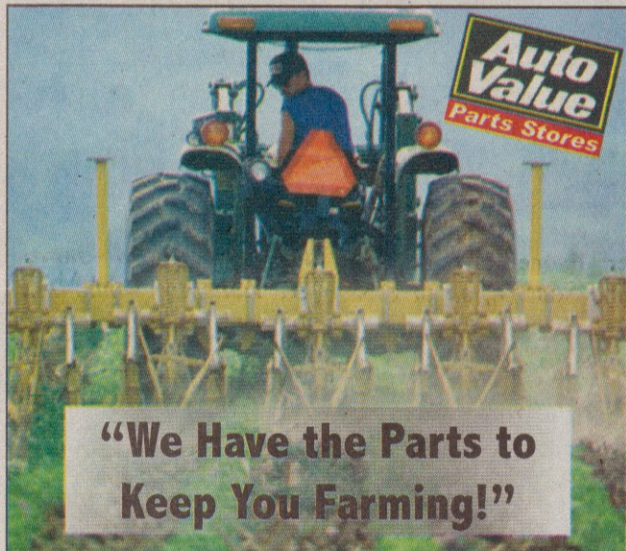
It is already clear what will be the major theme in U. S. elections for the foreseeable future. The vast majority of those individuals openly admitting to being a candidate in almost every election of the next four years is touting their "Donald Trump" allegiance. That of course is the potential Republican candidates. The non-Republican wannabes are stumbling around trying to find a platform that resonates with the potential voters.

The idea of student loan forgiveness is another Washington give away plan that has students, and former students, strapped with the debt — often along with their parents — beating their drums in excitement. Those already trying to pay back the 'free' money are often finding it hard to pay back what is for some, a very large debt. For years we have watched students throwing money around during spring break, etc. like it was a bottomless pot of gold. We just shake our head and resist the urge to point out the error of their ways. Then long after it is too late to change their habits, they are complaining about the "unfair" high costs when it is time to pay back the loans. The student loan program is a great way to help youngsters get a college education but many of them have somehow missed the smart idea of getting a part time job to ease the need to borrow and end up ultimately pay back big bucks loans. There area even reports of former students still struggling with student loan payments after qualifying for their old age social security checks!

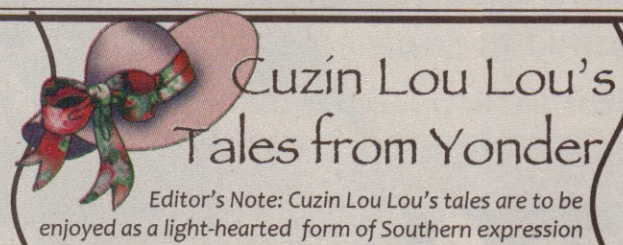
Be Safe, wear your mask, wash your hands, and social distance when possible. Also please take the shot(s) when you get the chance . . . we did — both of them — and have no regrets at all.



Cuzin Lou Lou was out and about Yonder recently and she came across this beautiful cross. She understands it was carved with a chainsaw by resident Dennis James. Lou Lou could not help but marvel at the beauty of Mr. James' creation, and to learn that he wants it to be a symbol of "what his family stands for" through their love of Jesus... well, that just about makes 'ole Lou Lou shed some tears. Lou Lou can only hope and pray that more Christians will take a stand for what they believe in and let it be known to the world. **Sunday is Coming, folks! We serve a Risen Savior. From Cuzin Lou Lou and the gang, God Bless and Happy Easter!!**



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Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou has only a short tale for her readers this week...

Lou Lou decided little Bean needed a bath one night last week. Bean loves to go to her groomer, but she is not-too-excited when her mama wants to give her a bath. When Bean realized she was headed for shower, she started bucking and fighting Lou Lou.

The short of the story was that Bean head-butted Lou Lou in the eye, so, that was the end of the battle for a bath that night. And, Bean now has a new appointment for next week to see her personal groomer.

Well played, little one! Thankfully, there was no black eye the next morning! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, March 23, 2021, and Monday, March 29, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, March 23 — Theft of property reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (12:32 p.m.); Citizen assist performed at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (1:37 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 541 Plant Ave (2:50 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1591 Caroline St (7:34 p.m.).

Wednesday, March 24 — Theft of property reported in area of Reese Ave and Caroline St (7:57 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2345 Hickman Ave (9:05 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 877 Claxton Ave N (11:06 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Claxton Ave N — animal impound (2:06 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 15 Claxton Ave N (2:20 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Hwy 87 (4:06 p.m.); Harassment reported on Simmons St (5:09 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 2695 Marilyn St (6:03 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Buford St (6:37 p.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 1584 Powell Circle (11:26 p.m.).

Thursday, March 25 — Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (7:14 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at the Old Hickory Pit (8:25 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1047 Sunset Blvd (10:00 a.m.); Burglary reported on Davis St E (4:16 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (8:26 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (9:15 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (9:59 p.m.).

Friday, March 26 — Disturbance reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (12:02 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 14399 Hwy 84 (12:36 a.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 810 Cedar Lane Dr (3:48 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1415 Jones St (9:52 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1415 Jones St (11:19 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 2048 Hwy 166 (8:09 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 934 Sunset Blvd — an arrest was made (9:00 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 1415 Jones St (10:51 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two verbal warnings.

Saturday, March 27 — Reckless driver reported at 4858 County Rd 410 (12:25 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (12:59 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (2:53 a.m.); Report of shots fired at 1415 Jones St (11:37 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1015 Guyton St (2:51 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 606 Reynolds Ave (7:03 p.m.); Man with a gun reported on Reynolds Ave (7:38 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1123 Deal St (8:49 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date resulting in a written warning.

Sunday, March 28 — Disturbance reported at 816 Putnam St (12:14 a.m.); Harassment reported at 139 Riverview Dr (2:29 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 442 Dr Roberts Dr (9:50 a.m.); Harassment reported at 625 Reynolds Ave (3:20 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (7:33 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 541 Plant Ave (7:48 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 816 Putnam St (8:11 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Brunson Circle (10:41 p.m.); Burglary reported at 389 Old Samson Rd (11:19 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two citations and two verbal warnings.

Monday, March 29 — Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (3:49 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 720 Reese Ave (7:56 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1392 Forest Lake Dr (9:25 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1577 Reese Ave (10:19 a.m.); Burglary reported at 242 Dr Roberts Dr (11:29 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Martin Luther King Dr (11:55 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1460 County Rd 409 (12:33 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 435 Reese Ave (3:21 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 839 Troy Hwy (3:33 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (3:38 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 996 Hwy 203 (4:18 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1285 Ann St (7:16 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1015 Guyton St (9:54 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one arrest and one verbal warning.

JIM COOK FORD

Hello all! My name is **Shannon Sladky** and I'm over the **Internet Sales Department** at **Jim Cook Ford** in **Elba, AL**. I'm new to this area, but I grew up not too far from here - in Dothan, AL. I'm loving the small-town comradery, and the more slow-paced style that is so different than what I'm use to.

My husband, **Seth** (who is pictured) and I got married in 2019 and have lived in Elba for just under a year! We have a German Shepard named **Izzy**. She is spoiled to high heavens and is most definitely a member of our little family.

I have worked for years in the car business and being able to help customers with the process of buying a vehicle is one of my favorite things! When shopping with me, I can assure you that you'll have an experience completely personalized to you and your needs. My customers have always appreciated my integrity, compassion, willingness to find the perfect vehicle for them and just how easy it all is.

When you're in the market for a vehicle, please keep me in mind here at **Jim Cook Ford**. I would be honored to have the opportunity to assist you.

Call and Ask for Shannon!

Hi, my name is **Cade Curtis**, and I'm a **Sales Associate** at **Jim Cook Ford** in **Elba, AL**. I currently live in Jack, AL and was raised in Troy, AL so I'm very familiar with this area.

Lexi, who is my high school sweetheart, and I got married in 2020. We're still cherishing the newlywed life! In our free time we enjoy going on adventures with our Pug, Maple, and spending time with family.

I'm new to the car sales world but have learned a lot since I've been here. Customers are our top priority, and I take pride in putting you first when shopping for a vehicle. I'm confident that your experience will be one you truly appreciate.

I look forward to serving this community, and hope you think of me when you are in the market for a new vehicle.



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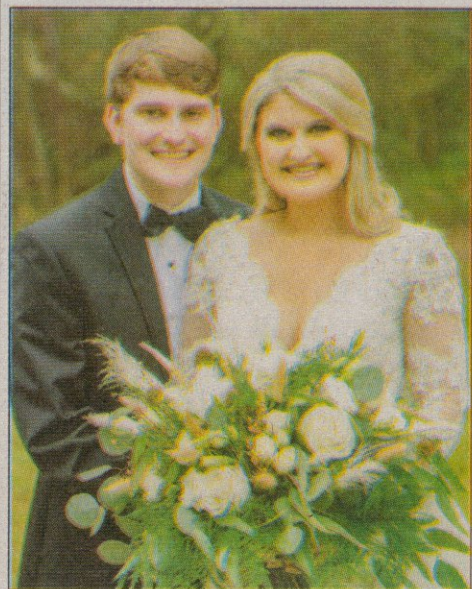
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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

CLAYBORN SOWELL

Mr. Clayborn Sowell, age 84, of New Brockton, Ala., died Saturday, March 13, 2021.

He was born on August 17, 1936 to the late Hosea and Rachel Sowell.

Clayborn attended the New Brockton School System. He later moved to New York and retired as a truck driver. After retiring he moved back to New Brockton. Clayborn's last job was as a school crossing guard.

Graveside services were held Sunday, March 21, 2021, at HardShell Cemetery in New Brockton with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Thomas Sowell; and two daughters, Inette Stevens and Patricia Sowell.

Survivors include his eight children: Patricia Adams, Barbara Morgan, Bobby Stevens, Joann Stevens, Anita Stevens, Sharon Stevens, Jerry Sowell and Sue Hernandez; a sister: Mary Elizabeth Sowell (William) Thomas; two brothers: Gregory Sowell Sr. and Gary (Joyce) Sowell; two grandsons: Dashaun and Ronnie Vasser; special first cousin: James Edward Brockton; a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

FEDERAL BARNES

Mr. Federal Barnes, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, 2021, with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. "Fed/Red" Barnes was born April 17, 1935, to the late Rev. Archie L. Barnes and Versie (Julie) Belcher Barnes, both of Elba. He was the eldest of eight children born to this union. He married Christine Knox and began a life together that lasted 33 years and produced six children. Federal was a member of Rocky Head Baptist Church. He was an employee of Dorsey Trailers for more than 40 years. Known as "Fed or Red," he will be remembered for his sense of humor and his hearty, distinctive laugh.

Federal was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Christine Barnes; his eldest son Teddy Barnes; three brothers, Zerrall (Ike) Barnes, Joseph Barnes and Nathaniel Barnes; and two sisters Sarah A. Barnes Magwood and Jeanette Siler.

Survivors include his three sons: Terry W. Barnes and Frederick Barnes of Elba, and Perry Barnes, Jacksonville, Fla.; two daughters: Florence A. Barnes, Montgomery, Ala., and Melanie A. Barnes of Clarksville, Tenn.; his brother: Murray (Phyllis) Barnes, Elba, his sister: Zenear Barnes of Hemstead, NY; brother-in-law: William "Bill" Knox and sister-in-law: Edna Gains, both of Gary, Ind.; eight grandchildren: Denaris L. Barnes, Sheldon D. Green, Shannon Phillips, Tranessa Caldwell, Christina (Tony) Nicholson, Tiffany (Shug) Green Waters, Christopher Green and Nicholas C. Green; nine great-grandchildren; his "adopted" daughters: Reddie Russell and Liz Boyd; along with his nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

LLOYD RILEY

Mr. Lloyd Riley died recently.

Graveside services were held Saturday, March 20, 2021, at Johns Chapel Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Lloyd was born to the late Jessie and Henrietta Paige Riley at Fort Rucker, Ala. He received his high school education at Washington High School, Pensacola, Fla. He also attended McArthur Tech, Opp, Ala. He later relocated to Coffee County.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Millie JoAnn Stanley and Ida Harris; and a brother Douglas Stanley.

Survivors include two children: Omar (Katherine) Riley and Victoria (Julius) Butler; other children raised Lashay, Arnaisia, Ayinde, Ayida, Ayonna and Derrick; sister: Cora Stanley Oldham; brother: Kelley Stanley; a special aunt: Edith Ingram; a host of grandchildren; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

BETTY SHEPARD

Ms. Betty Shepard, age 86, of Enterprise, Ala., died March 14, 2021.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 18, 2021, at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel, Elba, Ala.

Betty Loyce Shepard was born April 27, 1934, in Enterprise to the late Will and Vela Tyson Hull. She was the youngest of five children; all who have preceded her in death. Betty was a lifelong member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Betty graduated from the Coffee County Training School and from there, attended Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, AL. After attending college, she returned to Enterprise and began her career at, what is now, Medical Center Enterprise, in the records department.

In 1975 Betty married Johnnie B. Shepard. In August of this year they would have celebrated 45 years of marriage. She was a member of the Eastern Star until her health began to fail. She was an active member of the Yesepoch Club, where she once held the position as the Club's president. As a member of the Coffee County Training alumni, she served as the financial secretary for many years.

Survivors include her husband: Johnnie; two daughters: Renee (Ray) Williams, Huntsville, Ala., and Sherry (Radford E.) Sterling, Chicago (Hazelcrest), Ill.; children: Johnnie B. Shepard III, Felicia Shepard, and Brenda Shepard, all of Winter Haven, Fla.; her grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

REIVA CHAPMAN TINDOL

Mrs. Reiva Chapman Tindol, age 95, of Jack, Ala., died Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, 2021 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mark Ward and Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial services followed in the Old Tabernacle Church cemetery.

Survivors include her

daughter: Leesa (Richard) Hider, Jack; granddaughter: Karen (Jim) Oxendine, Cowarts, Ala.; grandson: Bobby Hider, Dothan, Ala.; granddaughter-in-law: Denise Hider, Slocomb, Ala.; great-granddaughters: Tamara Oxendine, Dothan, Danielle (Randy) Whitehead, Slocomb, and Meagan Oxendine, Cottonwood, Ala.; great-great grandson: Dawson Oxendine, Dothan; great-great granddaughter: Raelyn Whitehead, Slocomb; sister: Gina Resmondo, Pensacola, Fla.; nephew: Clint (Allison) Resmondo, Pensacola; great nephew: Caleb Resmondo, Pensacola; and great niece: Isabella Resmondo, Pensacola.

TOMMY RAYBORN

Mr. Tommy Rayborn, age 64, of Elba, Ala., died March 15, 2021 at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 18, 2021, at the Coleman Funeral Home Chapel, Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Tommy Lee Rayborn was born June 6, 1956 to Henry Rayborn and Nobie Rayborn in Elba. He was a member of Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as an Usher for many years, until his departure. He attended Mulberry School of Elba.

Survivors include his loving wife: Elaine T. Thomas Rayborn, Elba; son: Larry Rayborn; two daughters: Gwendolyn Snow, and Shandrika Shivers; one stepdaughter: Evone Rayborn; one God Son: Dj; all of Elba; nine grandchildren: Chris, Adin, Josiah, Annastasia, Arianna, Alysia, Avery, Kacien, Saranel; two step grandchildren: Terrance and Whitney; parents: Henry Rayborn, Nobie Rayborn, Elba; two brothers: Ben Rayborn (Cynthia), Johnny Rayborn (Crystal), all of Elba; two sisters: Belinda Lightfoot, Huntsville, Ala., and Icelene Jackson, Enterprise, Ala.; a loving father in law: Richard Thomas; brothers-in-law: Richard Stoudemire, Alex Thomas, Carlos Thomas, all of Elba, and Steven Thomas, Andalusia, Ala.; sisters-in-law: Latina White (Joe), Latonya Hill (Ricky), Rishanda Wright

(Gregory), all of Elba; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

WILLIAM A. MADDUX

Mr. William A. Maddux, age 56, formerly of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Sunday, March 21, 2021, from complications of cancer surgery.

A 1983 graduate of Elba High School, he had resided in Talladega, Ala. since 1993, but always considered Elba as his home.

Due to COVID restrictions, a private memorial/remembrance service will be held graveside at Brushy Creek Baptist Church.

William was predeceased by his daughter, Jamie, and mother, Agnes.

Survivors include a daughter: Mary Ann of Elba; a sister: Theresa Snell, Enterprise; and a brother: Rick Maddux, Petersburg, Va.

ZY'YHIR KA'MARI MARQUIESE WILKERSON

Zy'yhir Ka'Mari Marquiese Wilkerson of Pensacola, Fla., was born August 8, 2020 and died March 10, 2021.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 20, 2021, at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel, Elba, Ala.

CARD OF THANKS

HATAWAY FAMILY

The family of James W. Hataway would like to thank our friends and family for the many kind expressions of sympathy, phone calls, text messages, food and support at this difficult time.

The Hataway Family

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As the Spring Break holidays continue, we are all holding our breath to see what transpires next. As discussed in previous articles, Governor Ivey's latest mask mandate expires on April 9. She is confident that Alabamians are smart enough to take personal responsibility for their own health and will continue wearing masks when in crowds regardless of the mandate. I sure hope she is right. Other states around us are opening back up for business at a rapid rate and many are offering vaccines to just about anyone who wants it. Currently, 34 of the 50 states are making plans to offer vaccines to ALL adults by mid-April. Alabama is still at 55 years old and over for its criteria and people are still lining up to get the vaccine. As our vaccine supply continues to get better and more consistent, I hope our State Health Officials will offer it to more of our citizens.

Troy Regional continues to provide vaccine clinics in-house for our community and we have recently started offering vaccines to our community businesses. We want to get shots in as many arms as possible. Alabama is lagging (actually number 50) according to recent reports as it relates to shots per 100 people at 33.8. Lower than all of our neighboring states, even Mississippi, who is normally the brunt of all jokes.

I was at the Troy / UCF baseball games this weekend with a buddy from Jacksonville. His son pitches for University of Central Florida so I was even more happy as the Trojans took 2 of the 3 games from them this weekend. Nonetheless, my friend travels for business weekly and was complaining about all the restrictions he had to abide by every week while traveling. Wearing a mask while sitting in business class for a 2-hour flight is evidently a pain for him. I shared with him my experiences here at Troy Regional over the last 12 months of this pandemic and the meteoric rise in cases, acuity, and deaths we saw in December and January. I shared how my team was often the last faces our patients saw before pass-

ing away and how in our community, everybody is somebody special to someone we know. I assured him we wear masks for a reason and now, along with the vaccine regimen being available, our number of cases have fallen significantly, and we aren't making those dreaded calls to families to inform them of their loved ones passing. I told him over 10,500 Alabamians and 74 Pike County residents had died due to this horrible virus, and that was absolutely too many.

I heard from my friend this morning as he was once again at the airport and he snapped a selfie of himself wearing his mask. He also said he was scheduled for his vaccine at the end of this week. After this weekend, I think he got it. I hope all of us will get the message and do our part. Things are improving but we can't let our guard down.

Stay Safe! One Troy!
Rick E. Smith, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer
Troy Regional Medical Center

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Kindergarten Registration set for April 21st and April 22nd at Elba Elementary School

Elba Elementary School will conduct a second session of Kindergarten Registration on Wednesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 22, at the school.

Those with a child 5-years-old on or before September 1, 2021, is encouraged to bring the child to Elba Elementary School between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on April 21st or April 22nd. Parents will complete enrollment paperwork, and each child will be given a short screener involving basic kindergarten skills.

However, if the child is showing any signs of sickness, please do not bring him/her to registration. The school will have an additional time the screener may be completed for those who may be sick at the time of registration. Social distancing protocol will apply during the Kindergarten Registration times.

Each student enrolling in Elba City Schools for the first time will need the following provided by the parent/guardian at the time of registration:

1. Copy of child's birth

County Extension office plans raised bed gardening workshop for April 9th in Elba

The Coffee County Extension office announces plans to host a raised bed gardening workshop Friday, April 9, at 1 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall in downtown Elba.

This workshop will cover topics related to raised bed gardening including construction of raised beds, soil amendments for raised beds, what to plant, how to plant, plant spacing, and more. Participants will then be able to practice what they learn by helping plant the Giving Garden in Elba, located behind the old Coffee County Jail and Elba Chamber of Commerce.

The Giving Garden is a community garden that promotes healthy eating by producing fresh vegetables that are donated to the Elba Food Bank, and then distributed to those in need.

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, register to attend by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596, [please let the staff know if any accommodations are needed for the participant].

Dental assistant program coming to ESCC

This April, Enterprise State Community College will offer a new Dental Assistant program, providing instruction and training for one of the fastest growing healthcare positions.

Dental assistants work closely with patients and dentists. They perform clinical tasks, such as taking a patient's medical history, talking to patients about oral care and assisting dentists during a procedure by passing instruments and holding equipment. Dental assistants also perform administrative duties, including documenting procedures and scheduling follow-up appointments for patients.

"Locally, dental assisting is one of the 25 fastest growing occupations in Region 6, a 10-county workforce region that includes Coffee County," Director of Workforce Development and Adult Education Leigh Shiver said. "Clearly, there is a high demand in our area, and we pride ourselves on meeting workforce needs here at Enterprise State. We are excited to offer this program to our community to meet that need for dental assistants."

The first class of the 100-hour program will be held April 19. The program consists of 60 classroom hours and 40 clinical hours. Classroom hours will take place every Monday and Wednesday starting April 19 from 6-9:30 p.m.

In the classroom, students will cover a variety of topics, including the history of

certificate

2. Social security card (If a student does not have an SSN, a temporary number shall be assigned as specified by the ALSDE)

3. Up-to-date certificate of immunization

4. Proof of residency (Current utility bill, mortgage statement, or rent lease agreement)

5. Parent/Guardian picture ID

6. If Applicable: Proof of Custody/Guardianship - Custody papers may be required if the student doesn't reside with both birth parents.

For additional questions concerning kindergarten registration, call the principal or counselor at Elba Elementary - (334) 897-2814.

MEETING NOTICE:

The Evergreen Cemetery Committee will hold a meeting Thursday, April 8, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba



News:

The Coffee County 4-H Chick Chain program. Youth who participate in is open to youth ages 9-18.

Participants of this program will receive 10 baby chicks to raise and then show at the National Peanut Festival in October. Cost is \$50, but youth who attend required meetings and complete the project, receive the \$50 back at the end of the project.

For more information about the Coffee County 4-H program, call the extension office at 894-5596.



Reed McDaniel, Enterprise, and Blair Wyrosdick, Elba, were each awarded scholarships by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI) for their participation in Alabama's livestock industry Saturday, March 20, at a luncheon held in coordination with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition (SLE) Rodeo. Pictured [l to r] are SLE President-Elect Frank Ellis, McDaniel, Wyrosdick, and PBCI Tribal Council Member Keith Martin.



Elba's senior football players were presented a special gift Tuesday night, March 23, during the Fall Sports Banquet. Each of the senior players received a watch that was provided as a gift funded by local business owner Jimmy Cook and the staffs of Cook Chevrolet and Jim Cook Ford. The seniors receiving a watch included (from left) Jaden Juarez, Cameron Skipper, Jaquez Prince, Iverson "Duck" Lane, Marcos Gomez, Collin Harrison, John Martin Wilson, and Adin Rayborn.

Elba High School Fall Sports Banquet held Tuesday night, March 23rd

Senior football players receive watches provided by local business

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba High School Athletics held the Fall Sports Banquet for the current school year last Tuesday evening, March 23, at Elba High School, and the senior football players received a special gift, courtesy of Cook Chevrolet and Jim Cook Ford.

"It was a great night all around, but especially for our seniors," Elba Football Coach Marc Sieving said.

The coach said approximately two months prior to last week's banquet that Coach Johnny Dyess approached him and said local business owner Jimmy Cook wanted to do something for the seniors. He said that is where the idea for the watches began.

The coaches found the watches to be given to the senior football players, and Jimmy Cook, on behalf of his two car dealerships - Cook Chevrolet and Cook Ford - purchased the watches.

"All the kids were really excited, and it was just really a great night to be able to recognize them all," Sieving said.

Senior citizens can apply online for Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers

The Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides eligible senior citizens with fresh fruits and vegetables from certified farmers markets in the State of Alabama.

Eligibility for vouchers [worth \$30 each] includes:

- Age - must be 60 years of age or older on the day of application; and
- Income - applicants' gross household income must not exceed these limits [household of one: \$1,756 monthly; household of two: \$2,371 monthly; household of three: \$2,987 monthly; household of four: \$3,604 monthly; household of five: \$4,219 monthly; household of six: \$4,835 monthly]

Vouchers can be redeemed at state certified farmers markets, farmstands and u-pick operations. To view a list by county, visit: <http://www.fma.alabama.gov/FMCounty.aspx> or <http://agi.alabama.gov/docs/fma/RedemptionSites>

Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes also extended thanks for this very generous gift presented to the senior football players.

"We just really want to thank Jimmy Cook, Joey Daniels, and the entire staff at Cook Chevrolet/Ford for thinking of our seniors in this way," Grimes said. "It is something they can cherish for years to come."

Several awards were presented during the Fall Banquet for the football program.

Sieving said the Captain Award is one voted on by the players, and this year's recipients were Jaquez Prince and Collin Harrison.

The Tiger Award is one that Sieving said is decided upon by the coaching staff and goes to a player(s) that best represents an all-around student.

"This is for a player that best represents what we believe an Elba Tiger should be in terms of work ethic for the team, as well as, in the classroom," Sieving said.

He said this year's Tiger Award was presented to two players - Jaden Juarez and Adin Rayborn.

The Defensive MVP award for the 2020 football season was presented to Chrystille Caldwell, and the Offensive MVP award was presented to two players, Jaquez Prince and Collin Harrison.

Coach Sieving said the focus for Elba High School's football program now turns to Spring football practice, beginning towards the end of April. Then, to conclude Spring practice, the Elba Tigers will participate in a 4-Team Spring Football Game set for Friday, May

14, in Luverne, Ala., at 6 p.m.

Sieving said Elba will compete with Greenville in this Spring game against Luverne and Jackson high schools. He said the offense/defense will alternate between quarters.

"This is something we are excited about," Sieving said. "We have been working hard in the offseason and are just looking forward to being able to start Spring practice and then prepare for the Spring game to close out the school year."

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STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made:

SYNOPSIS: Relating to Coffee County, to increase the base salaries of offices of Revenue Commissioner, Judge of Probate and Sheriff and to adjust the salaries of the incumbent Judge of Probate and Sheriff.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Section 3. Section 45-16-230, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

Section 45-16-230. Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows: (a) A Sheriff of Coffee County elected or appointed on or after September 22, 2015, March 8, 2021, shall receive an annual salary of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year. Except as provided in subsection (b), the salary shall constitute the total compensation payable to the sheriff, and shall be in lieu of any salary, expense allowance, or other compensation provided by law. The sheriff shall be paid from the same funds and in the same manner as presently provided.

(b) The annual salary provided in subsection (a) shall continue to be adjusted thereafter as authorized in Chapter 2A of Title 11.

(c) If there is a break in continuous service as sheriff on or after September 22, 2015, March 8, 2021, upon reappointment or reelection as sheriff, he or she shall receive the base salary as provided in subsection (a), which may be adjusted as provided in subsection (b).

Section 4. The annual salary of the incumbent Judge of Probate of Coffee County or the incumbent Sheriff of Coffee County holding office on the effective date of this act shall be increased by ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) beginning with the next term of such office following this act becoming law.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

3/11,18,25&4/1-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAQUIDA ANN MILLER, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2021-020

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DeAnn Bowers as Personal Representative of the Estate of Laouda Ann Miller, deceased, on

the 9th day of March, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate

3/18,25&4/1-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA TAYLOR JOHNSON, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC 2021-021

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of March 2021 by the Honorable JODEE THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 11th day of March 2021.

/s/ VICKI DIANE BANDSTRA

Personal Representative

3/18,25&4/1-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF BRENDA TOLBERT, Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC 2021-011

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Shawna Gulley on the 18th day of March 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

Witness my hand this the 18th day of March 2021.

Matt Brunson

Attorney for the Estate

3-25, 4-1 & 8-pd

LEGAL NOTICE

Highway Specialties, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. HRRR-1620(250) in Coffee County. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on March 18, 2021 and ending on April 8, 2021. All claims should be filed at 2050 S. Pine Barren Rd., McDavid, FL during this period.

Highway Specialties, Inc 3/18,25,4/1,&8-pd.

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COFFEE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LEGALS

ELBA DIVISION LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S SALE

I, Ronald L. Burns, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, Jodee R. Thompson, of said county on March 2, 2021 will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Elba, said county within the hours of legal sale on April 20th, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. the following described Real Estate for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 2020.

March 18, 25 & April 1 - 2021

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Printer's Fee 35.49
Total 364.09

CARPENTER AMELIA THOMAS 06-03-06-0-000-021.000 S/T/R-06/06N/20E A LOT SE1/4 OF SW1/4 DESC AS BEG INTER S SEC LINE & NE RW CO RD 21, TH NELY 528' TH NWLY 146.5' TH SWLY 528' TH SELY 146' TO POB CONT 1.8 AC
Tax & Costs 101.51
Printer's Fee 34.17
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CLARK RODNEY & LAURA 20-05-21-0-000-002.001S/T/R-21/03N/19E BEG AT INT OF S/L OF SE1/4 OF NE1/4 OF SEC 17 & TH E 726', N 450', W 726', N 450', W 726', S 450' TO P.O.B.
Tax & Costs 867.40
Printer's Fee 30.87
Total 898.27

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Tax & Costs 931.05
Printer's Fee 34.17
Total 965.22

CLARK RODNEY & LAURA 20-05-21-0-000-008.000 S/T/R-21/03N/19E COM AT INT. OF N/L OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 & W R/W OF CO. RD. 5, TH S'LY 700'(S) TO P.O.B. TH S'LY 186.6', W'LY 210', N'LY 186.6', E'LY 210.2' TO POB
Tax & Costs 923.36
Printer's Fee 36.15
Total 959.51

CLARK RODNEY & LAURA W 20-05-21-0-000-007.002 S/T/R-21/03N/19E BEG @ INT OF C/L OF CRIPPLE CREEK & W R/W OF CO RD5 TH NLY 280'(S) W'LY 302.22' S'LY 90' SE'LY 380'(S) TO POB
Tax & Costs 84.53
Printer's Fee 30.21
Total 114.74

CROCKER RALPH B 11-04-18-4-002-038.000 S/T/R-18/05N/20E BROOKDALE SUBD BLK D LOT 21 ELBA
Tax & Costs 574.58
Printer's Fee 17.01
Total 591.59

FOSTER EMMA LEE 06-03-06-0-000-013.000 S/T/R-06/06N/20E A LOT SE1/4 OF SW1/4 DESC AS BEG 270' SELY FROMINTER S R/W CO RD & NE R/W CO RD 21, TH SELY 148', TH NELY 528', TH NWLY 148', TH SWLY 528', TO POBCONT 1.8 AC
Tax & Costs 101.51
Printer's Fee 36.15
Total 137.66

HOOKE TERESA 14-05-22-0-000-009.000 S/T/R-22/04N/20E COM @ INT N R/W UNPAVED RD & E R/W HWY 87 NELY 1047' TO POB SELY 210' NELY 105' NWLY 210' SWLY 105' TO POB
Tax & Costs 63.32
Printer's Fee 28.89
Total 92.21

JOHNSON OTHO EST 11-08-28-0-000-018.000 S/T/R-28/05N/20E A LOT IN NE1/4 OF SE1/4 DES AS BEG @ INT OF W R/W ELBA-SAMSON HWY & W/L SD 40 TH SELY 365' TH W 170' TH N 330' TO POB
Tax & Costs 47.76
Printer's Fee 32.85
Total 80.61

JOHNSON TIMMY RAY 11-02-09-3-000-007.000 S/T/R-09/05N/20E.. BEG AT THE INT OF W/L OF SEC AND S R/W OF BRUNSON CIRCLE, TH E'LY ALG R/W 140'S, SW 200', W'LY 103', N 185'S TO POB. CONT .50 ACRES.
Tax & Costs 172.39
Printer's Fee 31.53
Total 203.92

NORRIS RICHARD BRIAN & HEATHER 13-05-21-0-000-001.004 S/T/R-21/04N/19E COM AT INT OF N/L OF SEC & S R/W OF CO RD 26 TH SE'LY 350'(S) TO POB TH SWLY 234', SE'LY 200', NELY 234' NWLY 200' TO POB
Tax & Costs 774.76
Printer's Fee 33.51
Total 808.27

NORRIS RICHARD BRIAN & HEATHER 13-05-21-0-000-001.000 S/T/R-21/04N/19E BEG AT NW COR OF NE 1/4, TH E 185'S, SE 35'S, SW 234', SE 200'S, NE 234SE 480'S, S 57'S, W 2610'S, N 1340'S TO POB. CONT 73 ACRES.
Tax & Costs 1555.93
Printer's Fee 31.51
Total 1587.44

NORRIS RICHARD BRIAN & HEATHER 13-05-21-0-000-001.002 S/T/R-21/04N/19E S 1/2 OF NE 1/4 & NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4
Tax & Costs 269.10
Printer's Fee 20.97
Total 290.07
NORRIS RICHARD BRIAN & HEATHER 13-05-22-0-000-004.000 S/T/R-22/04N/19E ALL THAT PART OF NW-NW LYING S & W OF CO RD 26
Tax & Costs 31.49
Printer's Fee 22.29
Total 53.78

REESE JACK 11-04-17-2-000-020.000 S/T/R-17/05N/20E A LOT IN NE1/4 OF NW1/4 DESC AS BEG 95' S OF INTER OF S R/W OF PUTNAM ST & W R/W OF POLKA ST TH E 15' S 61.33' SW 117.23' N 93.09' E 95' TO POB
Tax & Costs 39.11
Printer's Fee 36.81
Total 75.92

SHELTON KIMBERLY 11-04-19-2-000-008.001 S/T/R-19/05N/20E BEG AT INT OF S R/W OF CO RD 404 & E R/W OF AL HWY 189; TH N 130'; E 420'; S 130'; W 420' TO POB
Tax & Costs 90.48
Printer's Fee 30.21
Total 120.69

SCHAUER KELVIN K & LINDA C 20-03-05-0-000-003.000 S/T/R-05/03N/19E COM AT INT OF N/L OF NE 1/4 & E R/W AL HWY 189, THS 300'S TO P.O.B. TH S 140', E 51', NE 77.4', N105', W 120' TO P.O.B.
Tax & Costs 180.71
Printer's Fee 34.17
Total 214.88

SMITH CRYSTAL 11-03-07-1-003-041.000 S/T/R-07/05N/20E MULBERRY HGTS SUB BLK 4 LOT 10
Tax & Costs 43.06
Printer's Fee 16.35
Total 59.41

STOKES JEREMY MARK & DONNA LASHEA 13-05-15-0-000-011.000 S/T/R-15/04N/19E A LOT IN SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 DESC AS FOLLOWS COMM INT E/L OF SD 1/4 & W ROW HWY 189 TH SW 529' TO POB TH CONT SW 210' TH NW 210' TH NE 210' TH SE 210' TO POB
Tax & Costs 168.77
Printer's Fee 42.09
Total 210.86

STOKES LAWRENCE A JR & PENNY S 05-02-03-0-000-006.001 S/T/R-03/06N/19E BEG AT SW COR OF SW1/4 OF SE1/4, TH N 4580', E 1250', S 850', E 1260', S 635'SW 230', S 300', W 140', N 150', W 330', S 450', W 700', S 700', E 700', S 670'S, W 2460'S TO POB.
Tax & Costs 398.01
Printer's Fee 31.53
Total 429.54

TERRY MARY WILLIE 11-03-07-4-001-022.000 S/T/R-07/05N/20E MULBERRY HGTS SUBD BLK 5 LOTS 34 THRU 36
Tax & Costs 43.06
Printer's Fee 18.33
Total 61.39

THOMAS ALEX 11-03-07-4-002-013.000 S/T/R-07/05N/20E A LOT IN NE1/4 OF SE1/4 DESC AS BEG 375' SE OF NE INTER OF GRAY ST & JACKSON ST TH NE 100' TH SE 100' TH NW 100' TO POB
Tax & Costs 130.30
Printer's Fee 32.19
Total 162.49

THOMAS OWEN 11-03-07-4-001-014.000 S/T/R-07/05N/20E LOTS 18-22 BLK 6 MULBERRY HGTS S/D MISC BK 13 PG 95
Tax & Costs 109.83
Printer's Fee 19.65
Total 129.48

MEADOWS JOHN B & ZIGLAR PHILLIP CLINT 02-01-02-0-000-001.000 S/T/R-02/07N/21E E 1/2 OF E 1/2 OF NE 1/4 LESS RD R/W
Tax & Costs 109.20
Printer's Fee 22.29
Total 131.49

ESCC excited about more students being on campus this upcoming fall

Fall semester preparations are underway at Enterprise State Community College following a recent announcement from Alabama Community College System (ACCS) Chancellor Jimmy Baker regarding fall operations at Alabama community colleges.

ESCC President Matt Rodgers said the College will begin to move toward offering more on-campus classes in the fall, but all final decisions will be made with the safety of all students, faculty and staff in mind and will be based on information received from state and local health officials.

"We have and always will make the safety of our faculty, staff and students our top priority," Rodgers said. "We already have students safely taking classes on both of our campuses, and we will continue to make safety a priority as we move toward offering more in-person classes on our campus."

"We are looking forward to seeing more students who wish to take face-to-face and hybrid classes return to campus safely. We also have had a lot of students who have seen great success in our online classes, and we look forward to continuing to serve those students as well."

For the Fall 2020 semester, students completed more online classes while a limited number of students completed reduced-capacity hybrid classes on the Enterprise campus. All students at the Alabama Aviation College completed classes by following staggered schedules and a modified block system, a system that has continued at AAC for the Spring 2021 semester. For the spring semester, ESCC increased the number of face-to-face and hybrid classes offered on campus.

"From the beginning of this pandemic, we have made sure that we kept our focus on both the quality of the education we offer and the safety of our students, faculty and staff, and we will continue to do so as more students return to campus

in the fall," Vice President/Dean of Instruction Danny Long said. "We have learned a lot during this time, and we are proud that we have been able to meet our students' needs and support them in new ways. "Because of the dedication our faculty and staff have to serving our students, we are able to provide them with more unique and creative options that meet their diverse learning needs. Whether they prefer the hybrid format, traditional face-to-face instruction or an online class, we have options available that will fit the educational needs of every student."

When classes transitioned online in March 2020, student support services also transitioned to an online format, including tutoring services offered through Boll Weevil Central. To meet technology needs, the College's laptop loaner program provided students with laptops for their online classes. According to Dean of Students Kassie Mathis, these services will continue to be offered on campus and online.

"Although the college is transitioning back to more normal operations, we are aware that there are some students who still require and prefer some of the newer services that were implemented as a result of the pandemic," Mathis said. "With this in mind, we will continue doing what's best for our students by offering both in-person and online resources. Not only will our offices be open, but our students will also have access to online tutoring, the laptop loan program and virtual appointments with faculty and staff."

The Fall 2021 class schedule is currently being finalized; however, those planning to attend ESCC or AAC in the fall can take steps to prepare now.

Students can complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov, which connects students with federal dollars to help pay for college. Applicants must use their 2019 tax information for the 2021-22 FAFSA and school code 001015 for ESCC/

AAC. More information is available at escc.edu/financialaid.

Additionally, students will be able to apply for Fall 2021 ESCC scholarships. The ESCC Scholarship Committee will review applications submitted by the March 1 deadline. The first round of scholarships will be announced before the application will be reopened. Announcements for the application reopening will be made on the College's social media accounts.

The College offers athletic, fine arts, leadership, academic, and career and technical scholarships. Scholarships are also available through the ESCC Foundation. More information can be found at escc.edu/scholarships.

Students can also prepare to register for summer classes, which will start June 1. Priority registration for students with 30+ credit hours will be held April 13-14. Registration will open for all students on April 15. Students can plan ahead for the spring semester by reviewing the summer class schedule at escc.edu/schedule.

For individuals who have not applied to ESCC or AAC, they can visit escc.edu/admissions to find the College's free application or call (334) 347-2623 with any questions they may have. They can also learn more about the College's programs and facilities by taking a virtual tour at tour.escc.edu or scheduling a tour with the recruiting team on the College's Admissions page.

We wish all
our readers a
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Happy Easter!

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Public Notices: (Continued from Page 6)

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
The Estate of
Darlene Tillis Brown,
Deceased

Case No. PC-2021-010

NOTICE OF
APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to John Marcus Brown, Personal Representative, on the 25th day of March, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 25th day of March, 2021
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Jodee R Thompson, Probate Judge
4-1,8,15-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
The Estate of
JOHNNY MACK BROWN,
Deceased

Case No. PC-2021-009

NOTICE OF
APPOINTMENT

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson, Jodee R Thompson, Probate Judge
4-1,8,15-pd

IN THE MATTER OF
The Estate of
BENNY RONALD McKEE
Deceased

Case No. PC-2021-016

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary were granted the 30th day of March, 2021, to Martha A. McKee as Executrix of the Estate of Benny Ronald McKee, deceased, who departed this life on the 4th day of November, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ L. Merrill Shirley, L. Merrill Shirley, Attorney for the Estate of Benny Ronald McKee, Deceased
4/1,8&15-paid

IN THE MATTER OF
The Estate of
BENNY RONALD McKEE
Deceased

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Matthew Heffner on the 25th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required

to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Matthew Heffner, Matthew Heffner, Petitioner

/s/ Joel Lee Williams
Joel Lee Williams
Attorney At Law
75 North Court Square
P.O. Box 446
Troy, Alabama 36081-0446
(334) 566-8484
4-1,8,15-pd

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IN RE: THE MATTER OF
Betty Nolin
An incapacitated person,

CASE NO. PC 2020-024

ORDER SETTING DAY
FOR HEARING

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It is further ordered that the Hon. David M. White be appointed as guardian ad litem for the said ward and to represent and protect his/her interest in said hearing. It is FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court that notice of these proceedings be issued pursuant to law. DONE AND ORDERED this the 29th day of March, 2021.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
PROBATE JUDGE
4/1,8&15-paid

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PROBATE JUDGE
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson loves the water, and has hopes to find a pool that is open when he heads to the beach for a few days this week with his Mom and his Nanny. The weatherman may not agree with his plans, but I know if he can, he will at least get his feet wet.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers saw their losing streak* reach eight games last week with a doubleheader loss to Ariton. The Tigers pitchers actually did a pretty good job in the two games, but the batters managed only four hits in the two games combined and failed to score a run. Hopefully the week off for spring break will reenergize the players and help them add some wins to their total and salvage a winning season in the closing weeks of action.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers rolled to a big win* over Daleville in their final game before spring break and there is no doubt they will come back after the week off determined to keep on winning and set the tone for a late-season run toward a possible state tournament appearance. If the Lady Tigers hit the ball they are hard to beat, and I have a feeling the best is yet to come for this team in the final weeks of the regular season.

*** *With the regular season heading down* the homestretch in high school baseball, it looks like the Kinston Bulldogs and Brantley Bulldogs will both advance to post-season. The Bulldogs from Kinston have been solid against area opponents and may be one of the best teams in this part of the state that no one knows much about, while the Bulldogs from Brantley aren't as dominating as in years past, but are still a team to bet in the 1A ranks. As for the other teams in the area, Zion Chapel has a good team that had the bad luck of being in the same area as 2A powers G.W. Long and Ariton, while New Brockton has struggled all season long to add wins to its side of the ledger with its youthful roster.

*** *The regular season is also heading into* the homestretch in high school softball, and it looks like the fun is just starting. Top-ranked Brantley has quality pitching and a couple of big bats that can produce plenty of runs as the Lady Bulldogs remain the team to beat in the 1A ranks, while New Brockton has put the pieces together after a slow start and has matured into a solid 2A team. Kinston has been up and down for most of the season, but remains a very dangerous 1A contender, and Zion Chapel is much better than many think, and still has some surprises up its sleeves.

*** *I will admit I probably watch more Andy Griffin* than I do sports on television, but with the Braves set to begin the season this week I guess Andy and Barney will have to keep Mayberry under control without my help for the next couple of months. Atlanta missed the World Series by just one game last season and should be better this season. So, maybe this will be the season the Braves bring back a world title.

*** *In closing...* I listened to an Alan Jackson song over the weekend entitled 'The Older I Get,' and I have to agree with the words to the country song. In the song, Jackson sings that the older he gets the fewer friends he has and the longer he prays. That is certainly true, but one verse he should have added was that the older he gets the more tears that fall from his eyes. Yep, the older I get the more I learn about life!

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Drop area game to Ariton 14-4

Lady Tigers race past Daleville 15-0

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the softball field twice last week and posted one win and one loss to move their record to 5-5 on the season.

Following are highlights of both games:

Ariton 14 Elba 4

The Elba Lady Tigers saw an early 3-0 lead evaporate in a 14-4 area loss to the Ariton Lady Cats.

Elba jumped out to an early 3-0 lead when Aimee Senn singled, Jaya Gray doubled and both runners trotted home on a 3-run homer by Mikenzy Hooks. The Lady Tigers had a chance to extend their lead after Andrya Chism and Jaylyn Baker both delivered two-out singles, but they were stranded on base and after one-half inning Elba was already ahead 3-0.

Ariton caught Elba in the bottom of the frame and scored in every inning to begin to take a lead in the key area match-up. The Lady Tigers added a lone run in the fifth when Makinna Gray ripped a leadoff single, stole second, went to third on a single by Aimee Senn, and stole home. However, it was too little, too late, as Ariton held on to claim the 14-4 win.

Makinna Gray and Aimee Senn both had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while Mikenzy Hooks added 1 hit, scored 1 run and drove in 3 runs with a 3-run homer, and



Elba Lady Tiger Makinna Gray rounds third base in last week's big 15-0 win over Daleville. Gray had 2 hits and scored 2 runs in the lopsided win over the Lady Hawks.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Jayla Gray added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Elba 15 Daleville 0

The Elba Lady Tigers needed only three innings to post a big 15-0 win over Daleville, last Tuesday afternoon, in Elba.

The Lady Tigers scored 10 runs in the bottom of the first inning to take

command, and after a scoreless second, added 5 runs in the third to end the game with the Lady Tigers on top 15-0.

Mikenzy Hooks had 3 hits, including two doubles, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Tigers at the plate, while Anna Caldwell added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had

1 rbi; Aimee Senn added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; Makinna Gray and Jayla Gray both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Jaylyn Baker added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Ayrika Caldwell tossed a three-inning no-hitter with eight strikeouts to get the win inside the circle.

In area finale

Tigers swept by Ariton

The Elba Tigers closed out area play with a 1-6 record and saw their losing streak reach eight games last week with a 13-0, 8-0 doubleheader loss to the Ariton Purple Cats, at Ariton.

The Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in the 13-0 game one loss. Elba stranded two runners on base in the first inning after a one-out single by Carson Wise and a walk to John Martin Wilson, and again left two Tigers on base in the third after Wilson ripped a two-out single and Iverson Lane was hit by a pitch. Whit Shehee singled in the fourth, but was left

on third, as the Tigers failed to get on the scoreboard. Carson Wise, John Martin Wilson and Whit Shehee all had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Wilson and Paxton Wise combined to pitch four innings and allowed seven earned runs on 13 hits.

The Tigers trailed only 1-0 after three innings in the 8-0 game two loss, but couldn't keep up late and dropped the nightcap. Whit Shehee had the only Elba hit in the loss, while Connor Burrow and Collin Sauls combined to pitch seven innings and allowed five earned runs on nine hits, with six strikeouts.

Elba falls 4-2 at home

The Elba Tigers saw their losing streak reach six games last Monday afternoon with a 4-2 homefield loss to the Goshen Eagles.

Goshen combined one hit with an Elba error to jump out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, and while Elba threatened in its half of the inning with singles by Peyton McCart and John Martin Wilson, the Tigers left both runners on base.

Elba's Connor Burrow blasted a solo home-run in the bottom of the second to pull the Tigers even at 1-1, but the Eagles bounced back in their half of the fourth and used a double and a fielder's choice to plate one run and regained the lead at 2-1.

Iverson Lane ripped a leadoff single in the bottom of the fourth and later came around to score to pull the Tigers back even at 2-2. However, Goshen combined two hits with one walk to score two runs in the fifth as the Eagles quickly moved on top 4-2.

Carson Wise and John Martin Wilson

delivered singles in the bottom of the fifth to light a possible Tiger rally, but both runners were stranded on the base paths as Goshen carried a 4-2 lead into the sixth.

Whit Shehee singled in the bottom of the sixth and Peyton McCart and Carson Wise both came through with clutch singles in the seventh, but Elba was again unable to get the runners to the plate as the Tigers dropped the 4-2 decision.

Peyton McCart, Carson Wise and John Martin Wilson all had 2 hits to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Connor Burrow had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi on a solo home-run, and Iverson Lane added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Collin Sauls and Connor Burrow combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on nine hits, while striking out six.

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HOME RUN TROT... Elba Tiger Connor Burrows trots around the bases after blasting a solo home run in action last week.

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SPORTS NEWS



HAVING FUN AT THE PLATE - Brantley Lady Bulldog Kayden Dunn blasted three home runs last week in a win over Luverne.

(Photo by Kody Nichols)



READY FOR A DELIVERY - Zion Chapel Rebel junior varsity pitcher Tyler Bass (17) is ready to deliver a pitch in a recent Rebel victory.

(Photo by Heather Adcock)



Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease shouts instructions to teammates. Kilcrease had 4 hits in an 11-8 win last week over Clarke County.

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BASEBALL:

Elba JV Tigers defeat Goshen 9-2

The Elba Tiger junior varsity used a 4-run third inning to take command and rolled to an impressive 9-2 win over the Goshen Eagles. Ty Sieving had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Jordan Hammonds added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Collin Arnold added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Collin Arnold and Ty Sieving combined to pitch four innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, with nine strikeouts.

Brantley tames by T.R. Miller 8-3

The Brantley Bulldogs saw an early 2-1 lead slip away in an 8-3 loss to T.R. Miller. Tucker Kilcrease had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Dalton Daniels added 2 hits and 1 rbi, and Luke Kilcrease added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

New Brockton JV edge Zion Chapel 3-2

The New Brockton Gamecock junior varsity pulled ahead 3-0 early and held on to edge the Zion Chapel Rebels 3-2. Baylon Foster had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while James Downing added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Hayden Pope added 1 hit. Jacob Fisher and Hunter White combined to pitch five innings and allowed one earned run on two hits, with six strikeouts.

Zion Chapel drops Gamecocks 7-6

The Zion Chapel Rebels scored 3 runs in the bottom of the third inning to erase a 4-3 deficit and held on to slip past the New Brockton Gamecocks 7-6. Nate Braisted had 2 hits, including two doubles, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels, while Dayne Bannin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Stetson Adcock added 1 hit and 2 rbi's; and, Brayden Watson and Mason Stuart both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Drew Cashin led the Gamecocks with 3 hits, 2 runs scored and 1 rbi; while Colton McClenny added 1 hit and 3 rbi's; and, Kaden Cupp added 1 hit, scored 4 runs and stole 5 bases.

Kinston Bulldogs slam Samson 9-1

The Kinston Bulldogs exploded for eight runs in the fifth inning to grab the lead and never looked back to defeat the Samson Tigers 9-1, in a key area contest. C.J. Lunsford had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Cale Sumblin added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Tripp Hawthorne and Jeb Crosby both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Cale Sumblin was the winning pitcher as he tossed six innings and allowed one earned runs on four hits, with nine strikeouts.

Brantley outscored Clarke County 11-8

The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on late to claim an 11-8 win over Clarke County. Tucker Kilcrease had 4 hits, scored 4 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Carson Jones added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's; Jack Kennedy added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Dillon Smith added 2 hits and had 1 rbi. Four Bulldog pitchers combined to pitch seven innings and allowed six earned runs on eight hits, and struck out eight.

Bulldogs rally past W.S. Neal 10-9

The Brantley Bulldogs scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally past W.S. Neal 10-9. Dalton Daniels had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Carson Jones added 3 hits and scored 1 run; Kaleb Weed added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Dillon Smith added 2 hits and had 1 rbi; and, Ethan Weed added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Mark Nichols was the winning pitcher as he tossed seven innings and allowed five earned runs on sixteen hits, and struck out six.

Kinston Bulldogs defeat Samson 8-4

The Kinston Bulldogs scored three runs in the fourth and sixth innings on their way to an exciting 8-4 area win over Samson. Owen Patterson had 1 hit, scored 1 run and collected 3 rbi's, while Hunter Hughes and CJ Lunsford both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Tripp Hawthorne added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Hunter Hughes was the winning pitcher as he tossed seven innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits, with seven strikeouts.

Zion Chapel ripped by Rebels 14-3

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind 14-0 in the second inning and saw a late rally fall far short in a 14-3 area loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Nate Braisted had 3 hits and 2 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Bryce Watson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Stetson Adcock added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Two Zion Chapel pitchers allowed five earned runs on twelve hits in four innings of work.

Brantley Bulldogs slip past Luverne 7-6

The Brantley Bulldogs scored 4 runs in the second inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat Luverne 7-6. Jack Kennedy had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Carson Jones added 2 hits and 3 rbi's, Ethan Weed added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Dillon Smith added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Tucker Kilcrease was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed five innings and allowed one hit, with nine strikeouts.

Brantley JV Bulldogs blank Luverne 5-0

The Brantley Bulldogs junior varsity pulled ahead early and never looked back to post a 5-0 win over Luverne. Jayden Parks had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, and was also the winning pitcher as he tossed four and two-thirds innings and allowed two hits, while striking out six. JH Kilcrease added 2 hits and Cooper Layton added 1 hit and 1 rbi.

SOFTBALL:

Zion Chapel JV cage Gamecocks 8-4

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebel junior varsity used a 4-run third inning to pull ahead and never lost command in an 8-4 win over New Brockton. Katelyn Register had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Rebels at the plate, while Ashleigh Adkinson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Zoie Flowers added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and Kaylee Hodge, Sydney Boothe and Ashley McKenzie all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Sydnee Boothe was the winning pitcher as she tossed three innings and allowed one earned run on one hit, with eight strikeouts. Cecily Ray had 1 hit to lead the Lady Gamecocks and Anna Blackmon scored 2 runs.

Lady Gamecocks claw Lady Rebels 16-0

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks used a 12-run fourth inning to pull away in a lopsided 16-0 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Madison Meeks had 4 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to spark the Lady Gamecocks at the plate, while Jordyn Thornton added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Kierstin Sunday added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Shelby Hobbs added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's. Mckenlie Jerkins pitched a no-hitter to get the win inside the circle with six strikeouts.

Lady Gamecocks tripped up 8-1

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never caught up in an 8-1 loss to Eufaula. Madison Meeks had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kennedy Hussey and Jordyn Thornton both added 1 hit. Mckenlie Jerkins and Jordyn Thornton combined to pitch seven innings and allowed six earned runs on thirteen hits, with five strikeouts.

Lady Bulldogs whip Luverne 12-3

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs were dominant in a 12-3 win over Luverne. Kayden Dunn blasted 3 home-runs, scored 3 runs and knocked in 6 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Kaylee Navaree added 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit and scored 3 runs; Ainsley Watts added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Elleigh Layton and Lauren Hudson both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Lauren Hudson and Kaylee Navaree combined to pitch seven innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits, with eight strikeouts.

High School

*** Baseball * Softball ***

SCHEDULES

Thursday, April 1
(Baseball)

New Brockton at Northside Methodist
Ariton at Zion Chapel
(Softball)
New Brockton at Northside Methodist

Friday, April 2
(Baseball)

Zion Chapel at Ariton
(DH)

Monday, April 5
(Baseball)

Brantley at Georgiana
(DH)
(Softball)
Brantley at Georgiana

Tuesday, April 6
(Baseball)

Wicksburg at Elba
Floral at Kinston
Zion Chapel at Carroll
Brantley at Ariton
(Softball)
Zion Chapel at Elba
Goshen at New Brockton
Brantley at Kinston


Thursday, April 8
(Baseball)

New Brockton at Pike County
Kinston at Floral (DH)
Brantley at Red Level
(Softball)
New Brockton at Pike County
Samson at Kinston
Luverne at Zion Chapel

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SPORTS and MORE



The Zion Chapel Bass Team won its first six-man 'team championship' at the recent Lay Lake Tourney on the East Alabama High School Trail. Those pictured above celebrating the win include (from left to right): Jackson Dowdy, Peyton FitzGerald, Dana Haley, Ethan Young, Kaleb DeVos, Avery Padgett, Larry Campbell, and Kevin Dowdy.

In winning first six-man team championship at a tourney

Zion Chapel anglers take second and third place at Lay Lake on East Alabama High School Trail

The Zion Chapel Bass Team's third tournament for this season, sponsored by the East Alabama High School Trail, was Saturday, March 20, at Lay Lake. This lake is a 12,000-acre reservoir located 35 minutes south of Birmingham off I-65.

Some of the Zion Chapel Bass Teams departed early on Friday, but two of the anglers who are on the Zion Chapel High School baseball team, played a game Friday night before heading north. Ethan Young and Avery Padgett were some tired anglers when they finally reached their destination, but after a nap on the way and a short nap at the motel, they hit the water with their teammates on Saturday morning at safe light.

Zeke Gossett, guide and tournament pro, says "Lay Lake in February through March can be some of the best times to fish, but it can also be the trickiest. Cold front conditions can make things tough, but fish will still bite."

This proved to be true for the ZCBT; for the first time, they won the team championship with 41 boats participating. It was a matter of fishing the conditions.

The team of DeVos/K. Dowdy placed second with a limit of five fish weighing 13.47 pounds.

The team of Young/Padgett placed third with a limit of five fish weighing 10.73 pounds.

The team of FitzGerald/J. Dowdy placed 27th with one fish weighing 2.69 pounds.

The team Lee/Johns, not



The team of Kaleb DeVos/Kevin Dowdy placed second at the Lay Lake Tourney. Pictured above: DeVos; Hagen Marlin, captain; and Dowdy.



The team of Avery Padgett and Ethan Young placed third at the Lay Lake Tourney. Pictured above: Padgett; Taylor Renfroe, captain; and Young.

weighing in, placed 35th.

In the year-to-date standings in the East Alabama High School Bass Trail, with 78 teams participating, Young/Padgett are in sixth place; DeVos/K. Dowdy are in 16th place; FitzGerald/J. Dowdy are in 45th place; Lee/Johns are in 50th place.

Due to severe weather in north Alabama Thursday, March 25, the ZCBT waited for the go-ahead from BASS Nation regarding their tournament scheduled for Saturday, March 27. They left mid-afternoon Friday for Gadsden, Ala.

When they arrived, they checked out the situation. Some of the teams decided not to participate, but two teams remained in hopes the conditions would improve by morning. However, that did not happen.

Taking caution and putting safety first, BASS Nation cancelled the tournament in the wee hours of the morning. It will be rescheduled.

The ZCBT will continue its quest for reeling in the big ones at Lake Eufaula, Saturday, April 3, on the East Alabama High School Trail.

Kinston Lady 'Dawgs win two, lose two at Carroll High School Spring Fling Softball Tournament

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Cindy Smith & Samantha Smith

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs competed in the Carroll High School Spring Fling Softball Tournament Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20.

The Lady 'Dawgs opened play Friday against the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks and fell short of the win taking a 7-2 loss.

Macie Smith pitched five innings in the loss for Kinston. She allowed nine hits and seven runs but did strike out four. Cadence Elmore led the Bulldogs at bat with two hits in the game.

In the second game of the tourney, the Lady Bulldogs got in the win column with a 15-0 shutout of the Houston County Lady Lions. This game was called in the bottom of the third inning due to the 15-run rule.

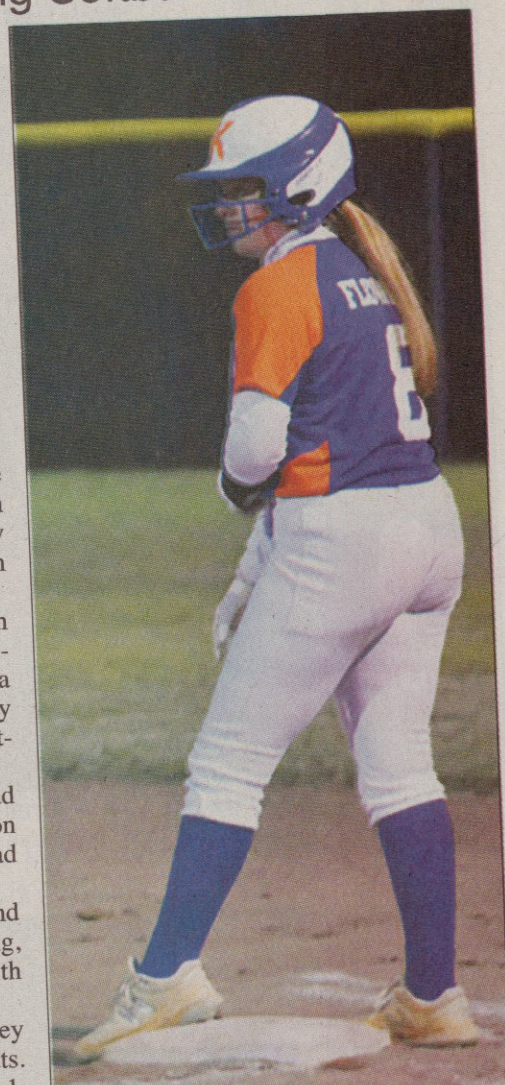
The Lady Bulldogs kept the bats hot in their first game on Saturday of the tournament. This game, Kinston met the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs, and it was the Lady 'Dawgs from southwest Coffee County getting the win 13-1.

Macie Smith threw a no-hitter to lead Kinston in this win. She had one run on zero hits over four innings. She also had eight strikeouts.

Kinston scored eight runs in the second inning. Abigail Smith, Sara Beth Long, Cadence Elmore, Kelsi Cardwell, and Faith Peters all got RBI's in the inning.

Kinston's fourth game in the tourney found them meeting the Opp Lady Bobcats. This was a loss for the Lady Bulldogs, 7-1.

Faith Peters led Kinston at bat with one hit in this game



Kinston's Anna Beth Flowers on first in the 15-0 shutout over Houston County.



Kinston's Faith Peters gets a hit for the Lady Bulldogs in the 7-1 loss against the Opp Lady Bulldogs on Saturday, March 20, at the Carroll High School Spring Fling Tourney



Senior Vada Turner is shown on base in the Friday afternoon, March 19, game against New Brockton for the Lady Bulldogs. The Bulldogs dropped this game in the tourney but rebounded to win their next two games before being put out of the tournament by the Opp Lady Bobcats.

LBW to host Skills USA fishing tourney on Thursday, April 8

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College invites the public to participate in the 2021 SkillsUSA fishing tournament set for Thursday, April 8, from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the MacArthur Campus pond in Opp, Ala.

Proceeds from the tournament support LBWCC students as they participate in technical skills competitions. The entry fee is \$5 for students and \$10 for others.

The award for biggest fish is \$75, and smallest fish is \$25. Participants may register onsite the day of the event.

Fishing tournament fees and signed releases are required for each person fishing. Minors under age 16 must fish with an adult. No boats are allowed in the pond, and fish must be kept alive to be considered for prizes. Concessions will be available during the tournament.

For tournament rules, entry forms, or more information regarding the SkillsUSA fishing tournament, contact Denise Sauls at 334-493-5328.

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